

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for her courtesy extended to the undersigned during a teleconference of May 23, 2005 wherein the above amendments were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 could be overcome by substituting the phrase “adapted to inflate” for “inflates.” Applicant has made those changes. The Examiner also agreed that the limitation of the sequential inflation of the airbag would render each of the claims allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, that limitation has been incorporated into each of the independent claims. In light of the foregoing amendments, favorable reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.


Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment herein demonstrates Applicants’ preference for particular language and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, are not intended to be amendments related to patentability. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein merely add language of equivalent scope, and that nothing herein is intended to narrow the scope of any of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and such fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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